

Minutes
IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
October 09, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
Joint Forces Head Quarters
State Emergency Operations Center
Camp Dodge
Johnston, Iowa

NOTE: This was is a special teleconference meeting to take care of two agenda items.

Call to Order/Roll Call - Chris Scase, Chairperson

Members Present:

#Dean House
#David Miller
Chris Scase – Chairperson

By Phone:

#Anne Jackson
#Elizabeth Christiansen
Jim Clark
David Coppess

Staff:

Susan Dixon - HSEMD
Paul Sadler – HSEMD
Lisa Sexton – HSEMD

Public:

Bob Goldhammer
Lori Morrissey (by phone)
Derek White (by phone)
Peg Stickrod (by phone)

Absent:

Julie Bell
Mary Jones
#Jim Kenkel
Kathy Lee
Frank Magsamen
Mark Shearer
Matt Unger

denotes voting member

- **Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant Program** – Chris Scase/ Lisa Sexton
Copies of the handouts that were provided to the members of the IERC prior to the telephone meeting are spread on the minutes. Lisa Sexton explained the HMEP Grant program. We are at level funding. She said she went through the applications to make sure they comply with the guidance. In September, Chris Scase met with Lisa Sexton to review the applications. There were 2 or 3 applications that were questionable and Lisa Sexton followed up with Charlie Rogoff (DOT) for guidance. David Coppess asked about the formula as it related to the regions. Chris explained the way the formula is implemented. Chris Scase noted that the IERC is required to certify that they are compliant with EPCRA. During the review, she said, there were concerns about the level of activity on the part of some LEPCs. It was noted that some applications tend to come through the EMA Coordinator. It appeared that there was a need to confirm that LEPCs that are applying for the HMEP grant are in fact active. A number of applicants were contacted and given a deadline of December 1st to provide current membership lists and minutes. Anne Jackson asked about the term “contractual project”. Lisa Sexton said that it refers to hiring and paying a person to do specific work through contract. Personnel costs are not eligible especially if the

person doing the work is an LEPC member. The contractual project must be consistent with federal grant requirements.

Motion to accept the grant applications as presented by David Miller, second by Elizabeth Christiansen. Roll call was called.

Elizabeth Christiansen – aye

David Miller – aye

Anne Jackson – aye

Dean House - aye

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Designation of voting Private Industry member** – Chris Scase.

Sue Lagneaux was the voting member from the Private Industry in the past and her term expired this spring. The Iowa Code allows the IERC to designate one private industry representative as a voting member. Susan Lagneaux represented private industry on the IERC for many years and was the voting private industry member. Her term expired this year. The current private industry representatives are: Julie Bell, David Coppess and Sherry Sievers. Chris Scase asked for nominations of the eligible private industry representatives. David Miller nominated David Coppess, second by Dean House. Elizabeth Christiansen nominated Julie Bell, second by Anne Jackson. Motion that nominations cease by David Miller, second by Dean House.

Voice vote was taken:

Dean House – David Coppess

Anne Jackson – Julie Bell

David Miller – David Coppess

Elizabeth Christiansen – Julie Bell

Vote was declared a tie.

After further discussion, it was decided to take one more poll.

Elizabeth Christiansen – David Coppess

David Miller – David Coppess

Anne Jackson– Julie Bell

Dean House – David Coppess

Chris Scase declared the second vote resulted in David Coppess as the appointed Private Industry voting member.

Public Comment

Lori Morrissey reminded of the Hazmat Symposium

Bob Goldhammer said that the Region 7 LEPC Conference planning is starting again. He said that the Polk County LEPC won the award for the Large Community.

Adjourned: At 1:29 pm

A possible meeting date for a full meeting was discussed. After some negotiation, Paul Sadler was instructed to see if a majority of the members could attend on November 9, 2007.